

**BEFORE A MEMBER OF THE POLICE BOARD  
OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO**

<b>IN THE MATTER OF THE</b>	)	
<b>RECOMMENDATION FOR DISCIPLINE OF</b>	)	<b>No. 19 RR 01</b>
<b>POLICE OFFICER MATTHEW SKALSKI,</b>	)	
<b>STAR No. 16752, DEPARTMENT OF POLICE,</b>	)	
<b>CITY OF CHICAGO</b>	)	<b>(CR No. 1088870)</b>

**REQUEST FOR REVIEW**

On January 11, 2019, the Office of the Police Board of the City of Chicago received from the Chief Administrator of the Civilian Office of Police Accountability (“COPA”) a request for review of the Chief Administrator’s recommendation for discipline of Police Officer Matthew Skalski, Star No. 16752, arising out of the investigation of Complaint Register No. 1088870 (“Request for Review”).

The Chief Administrator recommended that the following allegation against Officer Skalski be *Sustained*:

Allegation No. 2: On March 21, 2018, at approximately 1800 hours, in the vicinity of 5531 South Elizabeth Street, Chicago, Officer Skalski unlawfully searched Samuel Matthews, in violation of Chicago Police Department Special Order S04-13-09, Section II.B., thereby violating Rule 6, which prohibits “Disobedience of an order or directive, whether written or oral.”

The Chief Administrator recommended that Officer Skalski be suspended for a period of two days.

The Superintendent objected to the Chief Administrator’s recommendation. The Superintendent recommended that the above allegation be classified as *Unfounded*.

According to the Certificate submitted by the Chief Administrator: (1) the Chief Administrator issued the recommendation for discipline on October 29, 2018; (2) the Chief Administrator received the Superintendent’s written response on December 18, 2018; (3) the

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Chief Administrator's designees met with the Superintendent's designees via telephone and discussed this matter on January 3, 2019; and (4) the Request for Review was sent via email to the Executive Director of the Police Board on January 10, 2019.

The Executive Director of the Police Board prepared and forwarded the Request for Review file to Steve Flores, the member of the Police Board who was selected on a random basis, pursuant to Article VI of the Police Board's Rules of Procedure ("Reviewing Member"). The Reviewing Member considered the Request for Review pursuant to Section 2-78-130(a)(iii) of the Municipal Code of Chicago and Article VI of the Police Board's Rules of Procedure. On January 14, 2019, the Reviewing Member reviewed the Request for Review file. Upon completion of this review, he requested (1) a reply from the Superintendent to the Chief Administrator's January 10, 2019, letter requesting the review, and (2) a copy of Officer Skalski's statement to COPA. The Executive Director received this material by February 6, 2019, and forwarded it to the Reviewing Member.

### **OPINION**

It is my opinion that the Superintendent has met his burden of overcoming the Chief Administrator's recommendation for discipline.

Therefore, pursuant to Section 2-78-130(a)(iii) of the Municipal Code of Chicago, the Superintendent's response—that Allegation No. 2 be classified as *Unfounded*—shall be implemented.

DATED AT CHICAGO, COUNTY OF COOK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, THIS 21<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2019.

/s/ STEVE FLORES

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Attested by:

/s/ MAX A. CAPRONI  
Executive Director  
Police Board